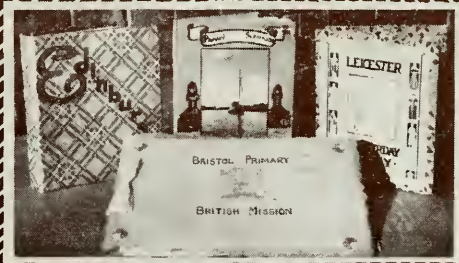


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ABOUT THE COVER

LAST WEEK in Salt Lake City engineers commenced pouring 3,500 cubic yards of cement for the foundation of the new Primary Children's Hospital. From the architect's conception of the completed building, Leslie Cook has made this drawing for the cover of the **Millennial Star**.

This structure is being built by pennies contributed by thousands of Primary children. In Britain it was not possible for the children to take part in its construction in this manner so they went to work and prepared scrapbooks to be enjoyed by the convalescing children. These books, made by the children themselves, will be a bond of friendship between the young ones in the hospital and those in this great land beyond the waters.

Pictured with the new building are two or three of the thirty-three Primary scrapbooks which have been prepared by the children in Great Britain. Each has its unique features but in general they stress historical pictures, points of interest within their city, and pictures and information about the children themselves, including original poems, paintings and hand work.

Selected as the best book to be submitted, although the judging was not easy, was that of the Bristol Branch Primary.

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HOW SHALL WE BE JUDGED?

By James L. Barker

CERTAINLY the manner by which we shall be judged will have a close relationship to the purpose of life. Jesus taught us to pray, "Our Father which art in heaven." Man because of his sonship would have great possibilities, and Jesus further commanded, "Be ye perfect as your Father in heaven is perfect." (Matthew 5: 48) Then our goal in life is development of characters: meeting temptation and overcoming it; seeking the truth and obeying the truth; attaining the goal of loving the Lord with all our heart and our neighbour as ourselves; preparing for the still greater opportunities of the life to come—a life of activity and growth. All of this is given greater precision and clarity by modern revelation.

And John the apostle saw that "The sea gave up the dead that were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works." (Revelations 20: 13)

The teachings of the Saviour and of His inspired and divinely directed apostles leave no doubt as to how we are to be judged: We shall be judged according to our works. Yet in the absence of continued revelation, various beliefs have arisen. One of these is typically Protestant and another characteristic of the Roman Church.

Reacting against the sale of indulgences and the teachings of the church on which indulgences are founded, Luther formulated the Protestant theory of salvation by faith and not by works. A close examination of the Catholic and Protestant theories indicates, however, that the Protestant belief does not modify the Catholic dogma as much as is sometimes thought.

An indulgence is defined by the Catholic Encyclopaedia as, "The extra sacramental remission of the temporal punishment due, in God's justice, to sin that has been forgiven, which re-



James L. Barker

EDITOR'S NOTE: In his second of a series of articles especially prepared for the readers of the *Millennial Star*, President James L. Barker of the French Mission discusses a problem that has confronted Christendom for many centuries.

mission is granted by the Church in the exercise of the power of the keys, through the application of the superabundant merits of Christ and the saints . . ." (The Catholic Encyclopaedia, Vol. VII, p. 187, "Indulgences.") And the Catholic Encyclopaedia adds: "Regarding this definition, the following points are to be noted: (I) In the Sacrament of Baptism not only is the guilt of sin remitted, but also the penalties attached to sin. In the Sacrament of Penance the guilt of sin is removed, and with it the eternal punishment due to mortal sin; but there still remains the temporal punishment required by Divine Justice, and this requirement must be fulfilled either in the present life or in the world to come, i.e., in Purgatory. The indulgence offers the penitent sinner the means of discharging this debt

during his life on earth." (Catholic Encyclopaedia, Vol. VII. p. 783, "Indulgences.")

According to the belief of the Roman Church, "An indulgence places at the penitent's disposal the merits of Christ and of the saints which form the "Treasury" of the Church." (The Catholic Encyclopaedia, Vol. VII, p. 783, "Indulgences")

Since "the merits of Christ and of the Saints . . . form the "Treasury" of the church" and since the Pope or bishop may draw from this "spiritual Treasury . . . the means whereby payment is to be made" for the living and the dead," it is seen that, the sinner is not judged by his "works" alone but also by the "works" drawn from the "Treasury" of the church. That is, he may be made to benefit by the works of the saints and especially of the Saviour, if he resorts to the good offices of the Roman Church.

To this Luther objected: The merits of Christ were sufficient for the forgiveness of all sins and it was not necessary to resort to the good offices of the church in order for the sinner to benefit by them. For Luther and the Reformers, in general, to benefit by the merits (good works) of Christ, all that is needed is to believe in Jesus Christ.

"Apropos of the treasury of indulgences, Luther, while admitting that it was constituted by the merits of Christ of whom a single drop of blood sufficed to redeem all the sins of humanity, denied that this treasury was at the disposition of the pope . . . he took up again his favourite thesis that the sinner is justified, by his faith, not by his works." (Boulanger, *Histoire Générale de l'Eglise*, tome iii, vol. vii, pp. 42, 44)

Luther and the Roman Church were in agreement that the good works (the merits) of the Saviour were sufficient to pay the debt of the sinner. In addition the Roman Church alleged that the good works of the saints might be accredited by the church to sinners

who did not have enough good works of their own. The Roman Church and Luther differ in this: For the Roman Church, the church was a necessary intermediary and for Luther, all that was necessary for the sinner to do to be forgiven his sins, was to believe in the Saviour. For Luther, salvation is a free gift; for the Roman Church, the salvation of the individual depends, in part, on the whole community of Christians and to that extent is not entirely individual, but in part collective.

At first glance this seems like one helping the other, and we should help one another. In a class in mathematics, the professor should help his students; and they may help each other, but each student must make a successful effort to help himself. If, at the end of the course, the professor should say to the class, "Some of you know enough to receive a passing grade; a few know more than enough to pass; and the ignorance of others merits failure; however, I shall place the 'excess' knowledge of the few to the credit of the ignorant, and all of the members of the class will thus be made to pass, through the 'good offices' of the professor." Such "passing" of the ignorant students would not change their ignorance into knowledge and would not fit them to make use of knowledge they did not possess in pursuit of higher studies. In the final result, it is, "What does the individual know and not what his teachers know" that is important.

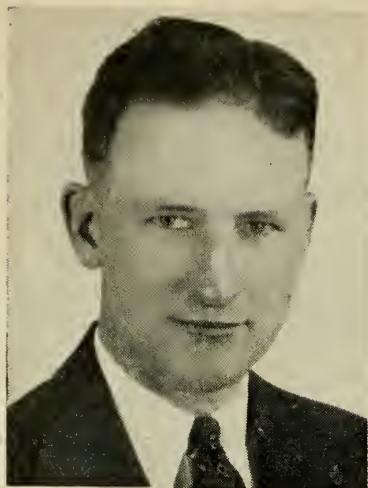
One may and should be helped to grow in character, but it is not possible to grow in character without personal effort. He who is to grow in character must repent and make a sustained effort to do better. In the final result, it is not, "What is the strength of character of those who have tried to help him to be strong?" that is most important and decisive for him but "What is his own strength of character?"

Luther and others contested the

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Letter to London

By Wendell J. Ashton



Wendell J. Ashton

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article has been especially prepared for the readers of the "Millennial Star" by Wendell J. Ashton, member of the General Sunday School Board and author of "Theirs is the Kingdom."

NOT long after the guns of World War II had been stilled and the world entered the Atomic Age, a leading news magazine described a brief interview with an eight-year-old London boy. He was asked what he wanted to be when he grew up.

His answer: "Alive!" *

That lad is probably entering his teens now—with the world in one of the most critical hours in its history.

I do not have that London's boy's address—not even his name. But I am going to be so bold as to write him a little letter. Maybe it will reach him.

So, here it is:

My Dear London Friend:

You are going to be surprised, I

know, at receiving this note from someone you have never met. But I hope you won't mind. I'd like to be your pen pal for a few minutes.

Will you pause for a bit and read what I have to say?

I know you'd probably prefer tuning in on Variety Bandbox or Music Hall. Or maybe you'd rather be picking this week's football winners, or planning a cycle trip into the rolling green countryside that only Britain can offer.

Yet I feel that I have a very important message for you.

Remember a few years ago when someone asked you what you wanted to be when you grew up? You said you wanted to be "alive." I read about it over here in America. And it has made me wonder a lot ever since.

I hope you are really alive right now, . . . enjoying every minute of this great game of life. It can be quite a thrill, can't it? All the way.

Your voice has probably started to squeak at times—like a pair of new shoes. If it hasn't, it will—any day now. Then it's going to be pitched low. You will be a man before you know it.

Manhood will bring many more changes to you than in your voice. It will serve up some new problems. They will be different from any you have had. Some will be genuine trials. They will be much more intense than those you have had at school, or on the cricket field, or perhaps even more than when those terrorising buzz bombs were falling through the air. They are the things you will meet in a man's world.

You, if you are like most of us, will want to take refuge at times—in sort of a mental bomb shelter. You will want to take strength in addition to your own.

* Time, Dec. 17th, 1945.

You will find people, kind people, who will give you a word and a lift in time of need. You will find more who will be ready to share your joys with you—and don't think you won't have plenty of them. They can be even richer than those in boyhood.

But what I want to tell you is that in all your spills and thrills, there is nothing that will give you more bearing, more solace of soul in the years ahead, than a trust in Him who rules all the affairs of men—your Heavenly Father.

Please don't think I'm trying to be preachy. Don't say I am telling you something for boys who wear lace. Honestly, I'm not. Man to man, my young friend, life will really have more sinew, more backbone, to it if you can develop a companionship with Him whose power exceeds all men's, Him who is your Father and mine.

Not too many years ago a monument was erected there in London to a man who once said that he was often driven to his knees because he had no other place to go. His name was Abraham Lincoln, and he was a real man's man, too. He was a champion rail-splitter in his day, and he was a hero at wrestling, besides becoming one of the world's great citizens.

Lincoln knew the strength that comes through a trust in the Lord.

Now let me say a word about the best way I know of to get acquainted with this greatest of all companions. It is through an understanding that comes from something that is dear to me, and to thousands, yes hundreds of thousands of others. It is the restored Gospel of the Master. It is the way of life taught by my Church—the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Further, I'd like to give you a few reasons why I think it is the best approach.

In the first place, one of the fundamental principles of this Gospel is a call for such a companionship. We

believe in an over-ruling Father. The first article of our faith says, simply:

“We believe in God, the Eternal Father, and in His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost.”

Our knowledge of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost makes it much easier to deliver our messages heavenward. We believe in a Father who is a Personage. We are in His image. His is a body like yours, only it is glorified of course. We approach Him through a Son who has been right here on the earth and gone through experiences like those that will come to you. He knows the jolts and joys that come to a fellow here on this old planet of ours. Further, there comes the added strength of the third member of the Godhead—the Holy Ghost, also a Personage.

I once read that “the shortest distance between two minds is a picture.” Don't you think you can get closer to the Lord if you have a mental picture of what He looks like? Don't you think it helps to know that the prayer you send along goes through a Son who has been one of us humble mortals down here?

This recipe for living that we have gives a fellow some down-to-earth hints on how to pray. That helps, I think you will agree. One of the scriptures,

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WHO'S RESPONSIBILITY?

By Allen M. Swan

RECENTLY that old enemy, prejudice, made advisable the withdrawal of the elders from another town in Great Britain. The citizens of this community are, as usual, unaware of the significance of such a development. Even members of the Church and missionaries in the field are apt to think lightly of the closing of a branch. The solemn reflection at this time should be: "Has everyone concerned done his duty?"

What is the position of those people who reject the testimony of the elders? It is a time for plain talk, and the Lord does just that when He declares: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, they who believe not on your words, and are not baptised in water in My name, for the remission of their sins, that they may receive the Holy Ghost, shall be damned, and shall not come into My Father's kingdom where My Father and I am." (D. and C. 84: 74)

The damnation spoken of here is not the "hell-fire" of the sectarian world, but a stoppage in the progression of the human soul. It will have its effect on an individual throughout all eternity. A serious consequence indeed!

And what of those who receive the testimony of the elders? Does their responsibility end there? The Lord answers this query with these emphatic words: "Behold, I sent you out to testify and warn the people, and it becometh every man who hath been warned to warn his neighbour. Therefore, they are left without excuse, and their sins are upon their heads." (D. and C. 88: 81, 82) Needless to say, if every person who has received the testimony of the elders would carry out this obligation it would be but a short time before every soul upon the face of the earth would hear the Gospel message. The Lord is not depending solely upon the missionaries of this Church to carry the message of salvation to the world.

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Missionaries must preach the Gospel with a spirit of humility and perseverance. Should they idle away their time and fail to bear testimony of the restoration of the Gospel, they will not "stand blameless before God at the last day."

Elder Joseph Fielding Smith tells us that missionaries are sent into the world for two definite purposes: to gather out the scattered people of the House of Israel who are willing to repent and receive the Gospel, and to leave all others without excuse (Signs of the Times, p. 69)

Do the elders of the Church really have this power? The Lord's answer is: "And verily I say unto you, that they who go forth, bearing these tidings unto the inhabitants of the earth, to them is power given to seal both on earth and in heaven, the unbelieving and rebellious." (D. and C. 1: 8)

The Lord further commands: "Therefore, tarry ye, and labour diligently, that you may be perfected in your ministry to go forth among the Gentiles for the last time, as many as the mouth of the Lord shall name, to bind up the law and seal up the testimony, and to prepare the saints for the hour of judgment which is to come." (D. and C. 88: 84)

Yes, we all have our part to play in this latter-day work. We can expect to meet opposition at every turn, for Satan realises that his very existence is at stake in this conflict. We are assured that the victory will be Christ's, but no "soldier" can afford to fall asleep.

MESSAGE *from the* MISSION PRESIDENCY



BE not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." This is a fundamental law of life and is as applicable in the physical world as it is in the spiritual realm. Nature does not compromise. In her punishments she is severe; broken laws demand full and swift retribution. It could not be otherwise, else there would be no constancy in the world.

Divine laws regulating the spiritual life of man are no less rigid. One story from the scriptures will suffice to prove the case. After Adam and Eve had been expelled from the Garden of Eden, God commanded them to "offer the firstlings of their flock." This "offering unto the Lord" pointed forward to the Meridian of Time when the great sacrifice of the Son of God would be made. Adam obeyed and it was "imputed unto him for righteousness." Abel made a similar offering "and the Lord had respect unto Abel and his offering." Cain, Abel's elder brother, took it upon himself to depart from the command and instead of the firstlings of his flock he "brought the fruits of the ground." Such an offering was in no way symbolic of the death of the Christ. It was rejected and Cain "was shut out from the presence of the Lord."

Joseph Smith taught this eternal truth announced by Paul in more

positive language. Said he, "There is a law irrevocably decreed in heaven before the foundations of this world, upon which all blessings are predicated; And when we obtain any blessing from God, it is by obedience to that law upon which it is predicated." Mankind, and more especially members of the Church, are left without excuse. The ordinances, principles and commandments of the Lord must be kept in the very way God has appointed or they lose their power to bless, perfect and exalt the human race.

Latter-day Saints, here are some of the laws by which we may evaluate our claims to the blessings of God:

Do we love our neighbours as ourselves?

Do we honour the Priesthood?

Do we have family prayers?

Do we pay a full tithing?

Do we observe the Word of Wisdom?

Do we keep the Sabbath Day holy?

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

SELVOY J. BOYER,
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WILLIAM O. CHIPPING.

The New Hospital will receive

Scrapbooks from British Children

By June Carlisle

THIS June, hundreds of children watched tons of soil gouged from the site of the new Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City. Each of these interested onlookers had contributed their ten pennies to buy a brick which will be used in the construction of the hospital.

Because it is not possible for the Primary Association of the British Mission to participate in this practice, a plan was suggested by the Mission Primary Board which would enable those engaged in Primary work in this country to take part in this project and which would tighten the bonds of friendship with the children in the hospital. Each Primary was asked to prepare a scrapbook that would include among other things the following: pictures of historical interest of the area in which the Primary is located, industrial importances of their city, pictures and information about the children themselves and any of their poems, painting or handwork. This plan was to give the children within the hospital many pleasant hours to learn about their friends in far off Great Britain.

Thirty scrapbooks were received and each was the outgrowth of many long hours of work by the children. The results were outstanding in many respects. Originality was probably the most striking quality exhibited in the books.

Letter From Mayor. Many special features peculiar to the individual Primary group are to be found in these scrapbooks. In the book prepared by the Bournemouth Branch Primary, the Mayor of the city wrote the following: "Although I am not a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints I am very happy to send this message as an introduction to the scrap album being prepared by the Bournemouth Section of the Church in connection with the Hospital being

built in Salt Lake City. I hope the child who receives the scrap album will find in it hours of enjoyment and will have some idea of the town of Bournemouth of which I have the honour to be Mayor. I have for many years been concerned not only in Bournemouth's Health Service but also in the Education and Child Welfare work in the town. I am therefore particularly interested to hear of the proposal to build this Hospital and send, with this message, every good wish for the recovery of the children whose health is benefitting by the action of the Church."

Scottish Heather. A traditional gay tartan of Scotland fashioned the cover of the Edinburgh Branch Primary scrapbook. Inside, lavender and white heather were fixed by the children who had picked it from the hills near their homes to give the children in the hospital a little idea of real Scotland. Pictures of the pipers and the famous Edinburgh Castle, that looks very much like the castles that children dream about, were also included in their book.

Many ways were invented to display the pictures of the children who prepared the scrapbooks. The cleverest was that of the Luton Branch of the London District. The picture of each child was put around the outside of a cardboard wheel. Over this wheel was placed a cover which had two holes through which appeared the picture and the name of the child, each child in turn as the wheel was rotated.

The Bristol Branch was chosen as having the best scrapbook. Its outstanding feature was the comments of the children relative to their personal history and hobbies. A picture of each child, cleverly framed, was placed with those pages which the child himself prepared.



Primary Mother, Violet Smailes (on right) and Miss P. Vale supervise Bristol Primary in preparation of scrapbook

nificent job was done and the children in the hospital will joy and thrill to these scrapbooks for years to come.

S p a r k o f F r i e n d s h i p . Our friends are not limited to those with whom we associate, but they also include all whom our lives influence. Every child and adult in the British Mission feels a warm spark of friendship toward the little unfortunate children

The Primary board wishes to express their heartfelt thanks to each and every Primary which responded so marvellously to this request. A mag-

in the Primary Hospital in Salt Lake City. How their lives will be brightened by this act of kindness and thoughtfulness of these British children.

PRIMARY SEES YEAR OF PROGRESS UNDER DIRECTION OF SISTER JUNE CARLISLE

AMONG the two dozen missionaries that have completed their labours in Great Britain and who sailed for home in October was Sister June Carlisle. She was appointed president of the British Mission Primary Association a little over a year ago and during this time greater progress in this youthful work has been made than in any other time in Mission history.

In this year period the number of Primaries in Great Britain has risen 33 per cent and the number of Latter-day Saint children enrolled has had a 53 per cent increase. The non-member enrolment has had the extraordinary advancement of 79 per cent. In summary, the British Mission Primaries number 74 with an enrolment of 1,539.

The efforts of Sister Carlisle have been invaluable in obtaining this fine record. She is probably best known to the Mission for her introduction of modern methods of teaching, such as the use of the flannel board. From the British Mission Presidency as well as the Primary workers throughout the British Isles go heartfelt thanks to Sister Carlisle for her fine work. The *Millennial Star* wishes also to add its note of thanks for the fine work she has so willingly done on "The Children's Page." Through her work this page has become a familiar part of the *Star*.

Fifty Years as a Latter-day Saint

By George Camm

IT has been a curious experience to realise that many things have faded from my memory during the past fifty years. It is interesting to note, however, that those things appertaining to the material things of life have generally been forgotten; but the incidents of my Church life and those things which have contributed to the building of a great testimony of the divinity of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints remain with remarkable clearness. I can't say that there has been anything spectacular. I know that many of my friends thought that I lived a very humdrum existence, devoting all the time possible to our little church. They of course could not know of the richness of my experience in the efforts to live my religion.

Before becoming a member of the Church I was not much interested in religion. I was a member of the Church of England, having been confirmed a member of that Church by the Bishop of Richmond when I was sixteen years of age. This did not seem to make any difference to my life at all, but in passing I would like to mention the great impression I received at the hands of one of the clergy. He was the one appointed to prepare us for confirmation. He was a wonderful man and taught me many true principles in the field of philosophy of life and culture. To this man of great ideals who laid a foundation within me of beautiful things, I shall ever hold a deep feeling of gratitude.

It was in a somewhat curious way that I became introduced to our Church. I was a joiner by trade at the time and was working at the home of a lady who had recently moved in. I was fixing necessary fittings and had just about finished for the day when two nearly middle-aged men came into the room. They wished me good day and one of them picked up and ex-

amined some of my tools, remarking, "Say brother, you should use American made tools. You will find them much better." I, of course, resented this and we entered into a heated argument as to the relative value of British and American-made tools. It was not long before each of us saw the amusing side of the discussion and we laughed the matter off and parted friendly. I had assumed that they were members of the staff of the American Screw Co. which had established their works in Leeds, but enquiring of the lady of the house if this was the case, she said, "Oh no, they are missionary gentlemen of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints." I remarked that I had never heard of them and she said, "What, never heard of the Mormons?" I replied that I knew of a music hall song about Brigham Young and that was all I knew about them. In further conversation she told me that they were a fine people and that she was a member of that Church.

During the following days I kept thinking of these fellows—I don't know why. A few days later when I arrived home after work I found a tract on the table entitled, "Rays of Living Light." I enquired from what source it had come and my wife stated that two gentlemen had been from door to door leaving these tracts. Their description fit the two I had had the discussion with on tools. After tea I read the tract and was somewhat interested in the subject matter. A week later another tract was left with us. I perused this, comparing its statements with the Bible as I went. When I was leaving home the next morning I turned back and said to my wife, "If those gentlemen call again, ask them to come in one evening as I would like to see them." They came on Friday evening

and stayed for several hours explaining the Gospel to me. They came again in a few days to continue the discussion. At this time I remarked, "It is a strange thing but I do not know that I have ever read any of your literature, yet what you have told me seems familiar to me—as if I had heard it before." At this one of them smiled and said, "Perhaps you have." I was baptised a fortnight later along with my wife.

I don't think that I made a very good Saint for some time. I was too fond of worldly things. It was no easy matter to overcome former habits, yet it was not long before all desire for these things had completely gone. When I joined the Church I did not have what might be called a real testimony. I believed it to be the true Church after comparing its teachings with others; however it was some time after baptism before I could say that I knew of its truthfulness.

During those early years of my experience with the Church there was considerable persecution upon the missionaries and members alike. If space would permit, many incidents could be told which would illustrate the difficulty that was had in those days.

In passing I would like to relate an incident in my Church life which has helped me to build up a great testimony. About the year 1900 I had a little boy four years old who had never walked. He just shuffled about on the floor and never attempted to use his legs. I had been at meeting one Sunday afternoon and both the speakers spoke strongly on faith. The two elders were going home with me to take supper and while walking we discussed these sermons. I turned to my companions and said that I had had a very curious feeling about something—something I could not quite define. At the table that evening I asked the two elders to administer to my little boy. Of course they consented. The following Thursday, four days later, he commenced to walk and has had no sign of lameness since. Today he is married and the father of a family.



Mr. George Camm

There are several other similar occurrences in my life which have been faith-promoting. Each has proved a source of great joy to me, apart from the personal benefit derived, giving to me a knowledge that God lives and does listen to our prayers.

I have borne my testimony as to the divinity of our Church hundreds of times and I have been asked "How do you know that the Gospel is the only true one?" Can we answer that question satisfactorily? I doubt it. Many faith-promoting incidents in my life have helped me to build up my testimony but they of themselves are not absolutely convincing. I have found that there is only one way of developing a powerful testimony, of gaining an absolute assurance of the divinity of our Church and of enjoying a full and rich and perfect life.

The key to this we have been given. After our baptism, hands of those in authority have been placed upon our heads and we hear these words: "Receive ye the Holy Ghost." Have we received the Holy Ghost? I did not for some years after I was baptised, at least not in its fullness, because I did not understand. I soon realised, however, that there had not been room for the Holy Spirit within me as I was perhaps too fond of worldly and material things. I did not see anything wrong in these things at the time. Perhaps they are not exactly sinful it not carried too far, but I have

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The Children's Page

By June Carlisle

A THANKFUL LITTLE CHILD

I'm grateful for most everything—
 For flowers that bloom and birds that
 sing,
 For sweet, fresh air and sunshine
 bright,
 For stars that twinkle in the night.
 For all my toys and every pet,
 For parents dear who ne'er forget
 Their little child; and up above
 For Jesus, watching me in love.

young. It is this: Once there was a great king who had a son whom he loved dearly and for whom he did everything. He gave him beautiful toys, pictures and books, but the prince was not happy.

One day a magician came to the court, noticed the sullen lad and proposed to make him happy. The king consented and offered him a large reward if he succeeded.

The magician took the boy into a private room, wrote something with a white substance on a piece of paper, gave the boy a lighted candle, and told him to hold it under the paper to see what he could read. The boy did as he was told, and the white letters, changing into a beautiful blue, formed the words—DO

A KINDNESS TO SOMEONE EVERY DAY.

The magician went away asking no price for his secret, but the prince, making use of it, became the happiest youth in the kingdom.

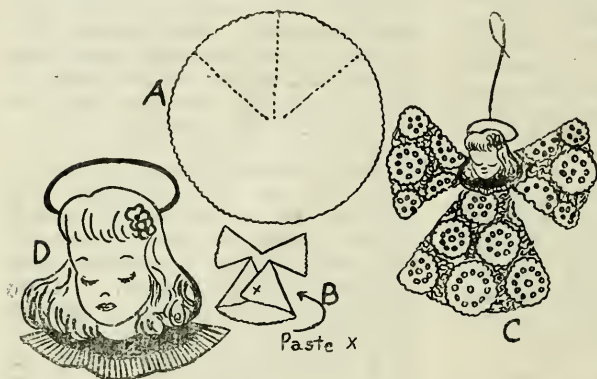
We should make kindness popular the year around in our hearts and not just at the Christmas season.

WORD PUZZLE

How many of the words do you know? Here are the definitions of eight words that begin with the letters CR.

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. A thin, hard
biscuit. | 5. A ship. |
| 2. A baby's crib. | 6. Cry of the frog. |
| 3. Chalk pencil. | 7. Fatty part of
milk. |
| 4. A colour. | 8. A large wading
bird. |

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AN ANGEL FOR THE CHRISTMAS TREE

For this Christmas decoration select a very lacy paper doily, 5 inches in diameter. Cut from the outside to within a quarter inch of centre. (Fig. A.) Paste the skirt together as shown in Fig. B. Cut a face of an angel from an old Christmas card and paste on. (Fig. C) If you desire to draw a face you may use Fig. D as a guide. Hang the angel on the Christmas tree with a cord.

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AN ALL SEASON GIFT

This time of the year, when everyone is looking forward to the festive occasion of next month, I am reminded of a story told to me when I was very



A House—or A Home

By Loraine Moss

HOMEMAKERS have found that thrift, judgment and imagination in using the things they have on hand is really more important than having an abundance with which to work. The old saying that "a wife can throw more into the garbage with a teaspoon than the husband can bring into the house with a shovel" should not apply to a modern homemaker.

There are many ways in which we can use what we have instead of destroying it. Probably one of the most overlooked wastes is that of scraps of material. Save the material left from making a frock or pinafore, or when clothing has been worn out, cut out and save the parts of the garment that are still useable. Beautiful quilt tops can be made from small pieces. The following are directions for making a Dresden China Plate quilt top using small scraps of materials.

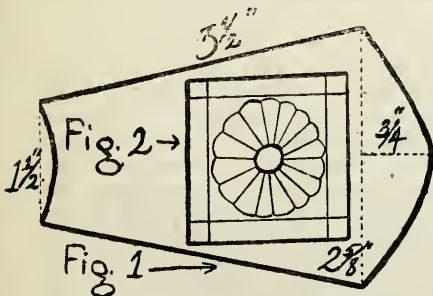
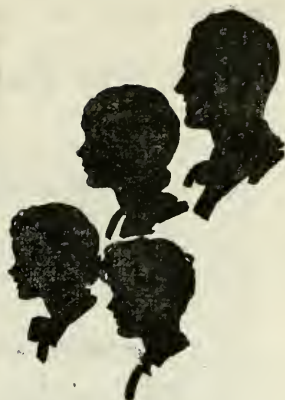


Fig. 1.—Cut 15 of these from various pieces of material, allowing for seams. Sew together along the $3\frac{1}{2}$ inch side. Set on block of muslin 14 by 14 inches. (These blocks may be made from flour sacks.)

Fig. 2.—The above blocks may be sewed together or set together with strips of plain colours as illustrated in this figure.



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Date Cookies:

4 oz. butter; 4 oz. granulated sugar; 4 oz. brown sugar; 1 lb. flour; 2 teaspoons baking powder; 1 egg; 1 lb. chopped dates; 4 oz. chopped nuts; $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon vanilla; $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon soda dissolved in a little boiling water; $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt.

Cream butter and sugar together; add egg and beat well. Add vanilla and soda mixed with boiling water. Add dates and nuts. Add flour with which has been added baking powder and salt; when stiff enough to handle, roll into little balls; press down with a fork on a baking sheet and bake in a medium hot oven.

If brown sugar is not available, use 8 oz. granulated sugar.

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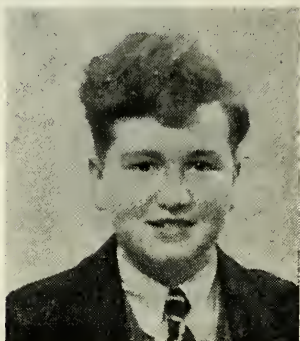
HANDY HINTS

1.—When flouring meat, fish, etc., try this method: Put flour and whatever seasoning you wish (salt, pepper, etc.) into a paper bag. Put in the articles to be covered with flour; hold the top of the bag and shake it around. You'll find it does a better job as well as keeping the flour from getting scattered about the kitchen.

2.—Smooth thickening for gravies, soups, and sauces is easily made by putting flour and water into a bottle, screwing on the lid, and shaking it vigorously.

A Deacon tells the Sheffield District Conference . . .

“What the Aaronic Priesthood means to me.”



THE priesthood is the ladder by which we rise from the lowly earth to the lofty skies, or the only means whereby mortals can become as Gods. To achieve this noble goal man must hold the priesthood. Christ Himself being a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek. The priesthood is the authority to act in the name of God and it is the most sacred calling given to man. It is our duty to devote our lives to God and to our fellow-men and so to conduct our lives that these bodies may be the proper channels through which God can work. We can do this by leading exemplary lives, by keeping the Word of Wisdom and by rendering obedience to all of the Lord's commandments.

When Moses was called to lead the children of Israel from Egypt to the Promised Land, he said unto God that he was not capable as a speaker; so God said unto him, "Is not Aaron thy brother coming, take him with thee and he shall be a mouthpiece unto thee, and I will be a mouthpiece to thee." Moses went up into the mountain to speak with God and to ask for counsel in dealing with the people. On coming down, he found the people worshipping idolatrous Gods and he was so enraged that he dropped the tables of stone and broke them. God,

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EDITOR'S NOTE: This article is a copy of the speech given by Stephen A. Hamstead at the priesthood session of the Sheffield District Conference on Sunday, October 9th. Stephen is 13 years of age and a deacon of the Rotherham Branch.

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too, was angry with the people, so He gave unto Moses the ten commandments and told him to appoint Aaron and his children, as a special blessing, to minister unto his people. This was the beginning of the Aaronic Priesthood. In the Doctrine and Covenants, section 84, we are told that God took Moses out of their midst and the Holy Priesthood also, and the lesser priesthood continued, which priesthood holds the keys of the ministering of angels and of the Gospel of repentance and of baptism by immersion for the remission of sins.

We can see from this that the Aaronic Priesthood continued down from Aaron to John the Baptist, who was the son of Zacharias, who was a priest in the Temple. This same John was the forerunner of Christ and baptized Jesus in the River Jordan. He was the last to hold the keys of the Aaronic Priesthood in the meridian of time; therefore, he was appointed to restore the Aaronic Priesthood and the keys thereof in this dispensation. This he did on the 15th of May, 1829, in Harmony, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, by conferring the Priesthood of Aaron on Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery. In Section 13 of the Doctrine and Covenants, we read, "Upon you my fellow servants, in the name of Messiah, I confer the Priesthood of Aaron, which holds the keys of the minister-

ing of angels, and of the Gospel of repentance, and of baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; and this shall never be taken again from the earth until the sons of Levi do offer again an offering unto the Lord in righteousness."

In the Aaronic Priesthood are three offices, namely: deacon, teacher and priest. I am a deacon and in Section 20 of the Doctrine and Covenants I am taught the duties of a deacon, which are to assist the priests and teachers in their duties and to warn, expound, exhort, teach and invite all to come unto Christ. The office of deacon is the first rung in the ladder by which we climb to celestial heights. Therefore the priesthood means that if I wish to climb to celestial heights, I must follow the pattern set by such great men as Aaron, John the Baptist and Joseph Smith. I must live a clean life and render obedience to those in authority over me. I must strive to learn all I can so that I can teach

others. I must honour the priesthood and follow the example of Paul, as spoken of in the 13th article of faith: "We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous and in doing good to all men; we believe all things, we hope all things, we have endured many things and hope to be able to endure all things. If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things." We must always let the lives of these great men be an example to us.

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time;
Footprints, that perhaps another,
Sailing o'er life's solemn main
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,
Seeing, shall take heart again.
Let us, then, be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labour and to wait.

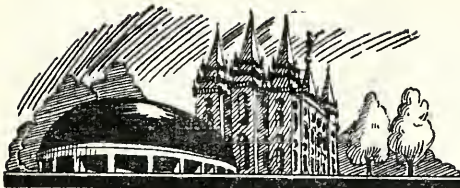
NOTHING in this life, after health and virtue, is more estimable than knowledge—nor is there anything so easily attained, or so cheaply purchased,—The labour, only sitting still, and the expense but time, which, if we do not spend, we cannot save.
—Sterne

SPECIAL ISSUE FOR DECEMBER

THE Millennium Star wishes to announce that the December, 1949, issue will be a special Christmas edition. It will feature stories, poems, articles and a new cover in tune with the Yuletide season. In addition, the whole Star will be printed in two colours.

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Editor

WE MUST KEEP THE VIRTUES OF THE PAST

MUCH HAS BEEN WRITTEN and much will be written about the glorious courage of the early Latter-day Saint Pioneers. Their indomitable faith in God which took them 1,500 miles over waste land, treacherous mountains and hazardous rivers must be admired by all who would read their history.

Many years after this period of the "rough and ready" west we look back and hold in reverence those Pioneers. Yet, if we are not able to acquire some of the virtues which we admire in that people, our praise and thanksgiving for their efforts are as wasted as soil without seed. Let us look for a moment at some of the things which characterised these people and which elevated them to a place of honour and respect.

These early people were God-fearing. They trusted in the direction of the Almighty to lead them to a place where they could worship in peace. Many times they had been driven from their homes, their cities burned and their temples ravaged. In the face of these great obstacles they never doubted that in the end success would be theirs. They knew that they must toil awhile, endure awhile, believe always and never turn back in order for the Lord to grant them the desires of their hearts.

In the course of building up their new-found country these Latter-day Saints showed by their efforts that they were not waiting for God to come down and change the desolate land into a fruitful field. They realised that there was a necessity for cooperative labour. Extravagance could not have place in their society.

There is a sage who one time said that "Nothing splendid has ever been achieved except by those who dared believe that something inside them was superior to circumstances." The taming of the desert is something that was indeed "splendid." It was accomplished by a people who knew that they, with the help of the Lord, could overcome any obstacle placed in their paths; they could surmount and be victors over any circumstances. This was not achieved by acquiescent effort or vacuous unity. It was achieved through tireless industry, intelligent thrift and unsurpassed co-operation.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has taught throughout its history these principles. The achievements of the Church could not have been made had it not been for the vital application of each of these virtues in the lives of the majority of its members.

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Today we need not travel by covered wagon. Nor do we have the fear of being driven from our homes by infuriated mobs. Yet in a true sense we do have a desert to conquer. This is the desert of unbelief which rages throughout the world. We can make this desert blossom if we will make wise use of the "tool of example." We must truly make our light so shine before men that they will be able to see and understand the message which we bear.

Our lives should be industrious. Indeed it has been said that labour rids us of three great evils—irksomeness, vice, and poverty. It lifts us above temptation. The Lord has told us that men "should be anxiously engaged in a good cause, and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness." We are not to live in a moral vacuum where we are simply free from vice. The people that will overcome indolence and use its energies righteously will become a power for good in the world which Satan himself cannot stay.

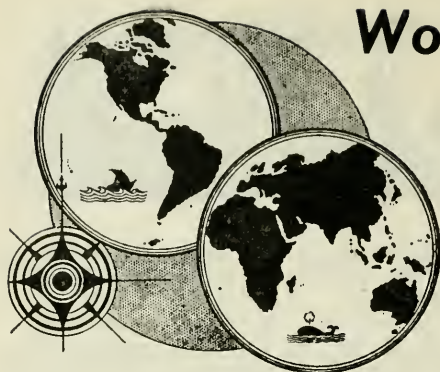
Industry alone cannot be enough; if a person squanders that for which he has honestly worked, his efforts have come to naught. Whether it be time, talent or money, waste can only bring unhappiness. Thrift does not mean that we are to be misers, for the miser robs himself as much as the prodigal robs his heirs. We need to honour this principle of thrift intelligently, as much today as any people in any period of history. The wise use of our possessions can set a great example before men and can provide means whereby we can deliver the great message of truth to the world.

Probably the greatest distinguishing factor which will single out a people and place them before the eyes of the world is the manner in which they work together. Cooperation is a basic law of any society. Our Heavenly Father cannot help us unless we are willing to cooperate with Him and with those who are abiding His commandments. As nothing of worth has been accomplished by an individual without industry, nothing of value has been accomplished by several without unity of purpose. Those Pioneers of yesteryears could not have succeeded if there had not been united effort. We have a great work to do to-day. We must make use of the thrift and industry of our individual lives and we must cooperate with those who are seeking to do the will of the Lord. It is necessary for us to overlook our petty grievances with those around us and never let stray from our minds the glorious work which has been entrusted to us. This responsibility necessitates united effort. It cannot be accomplished individually.

We have as great a responsibility today as any people in the history of the world. We can well reflect on the history of the early Pioneers and while paying them tribute, try to incorporate into our lives those things which made them truly great.

—HUGH S. WEST

World Church News



120TH SEMI-ANNUAL CONFERENCE.—On September 30th, October 1st and 2nd, the 120th Semi-Annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was held. The keynote address was delivered by President George Albert Smith. In his talk President Smith emphasized the fact that the spirit of the adversary is the spirit of destruction. Said he, "There is a line of demarcation well defined. On one side of the line is the Lord's territory. On the other side of the line is the devil's territory. If you will stay on the Lord's side of the line, you are perfectly safe, because the adversary of all righteousness cannot cross that line."

President Smith continued, "What does that mean? It means to me that those who are living righteous lives, keeping all of the commandments of our Heavenly Father, are perfectly safe, but not those who trifle with His advice and counsel."

A PROUD RECORD.—Recently Mrs. Martha M. Lindsey of Kelsey, Texas, observed her 82nd birthday. In this fact alone there is very little significance, but there are few who can claim a family of equal size at her age. Mrs. Lindsey is the mother of 16 children, grandmother of 103 grandchildren and great-grandmother of 111 great-grandchildren. She celebrated her anniversary in Salt Lake City and had 38 of her descendants present plus a like number of in-laws.

To her knowledge all of her children with the exception of one family are active members of the Church.

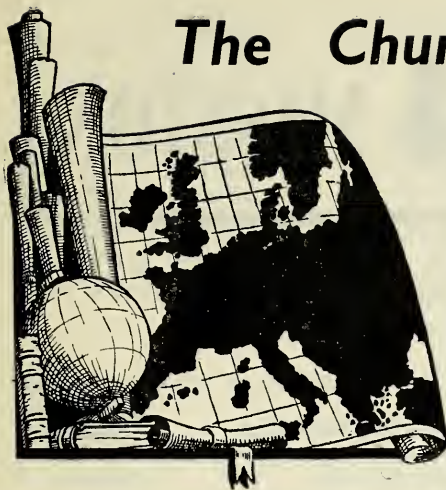
LOGAN TEMPLE UNDERGOES REMODELLING.—The Logan Temple is being expanded to provide more facilities. The £85,000 construction on the temple will provide 8,000 square feet of new floor space and is expected to be completed around the 15th of November. Although the new construction is costing one-third of the original cost of the temple, it is a worthy project both from the point of usefulness and beauty. Thousands upon thousands of patrons enter the sacred edifice each year. It is the tourist attraction of Logan, and the focal point of the entire valley.

ELDER MATTHEW COWLEY OF THE COUNCIL OF TWELVE REPORTS ON JAPANESE MISSION.— "In Japan we have one of the greatest opportunities for missionary service I have ever heard or read of in the history of this Church. While I was there we had 27 missionaries in all of Japan among 80,000,000 people and coming to services held by those 27 missionaries were 2,100 people; and they were coming to the missionaries. The missionaries were not seeking them out as we do in other missions of the Church.

"In the city of Tokyo I attended a conference in which we had 500 in attendance. Possibly 50 at that conference were of the Church. We had a choir of 90 voices, young men and women who came about a hundred miles by bus to sing at the conference. They sang our hymns and our anthems and not one of those 90 young men and women was a member of the Church. Many of them have joined the Church since this time."

The Church in Europe

By William Flint Dickson
European Mission Secretary



EUROPEAN MISSION HEAD IN SCANDINAVIA.—President Sonne has nearly completed his tour of the Scandinavian Missions. He is pleased with the missionary work and the progress being made in these countries. Here in brief are some of the happenings during his six weeks' tour through Scandinavia:

NORWAY: Large congregations turned out in Oslo, Bergen and Trondheim to the autumn district conferences to welcome the Sonne party and to hear the Gospel preached. The missionaries in their testimonial meetings reported they have made friends and have increased their investigators and attendance at their weekly meetings. The two missionaries labouring in Hammerfest, the northernmost incorporated city in the world, reported they have some baptisms to make and a branch to organise. President A. Richard Peterson, with three previous missions of experience in Norway, feels that the work has never looked better in that land. President and Sister Peterson also received their release while being visited by President and Sister Sonne; and the fond sentiments and praises heaped upon them for their faithful missionary work by members, missionaries and friends is a good indication of the leadership

which has elevated the Church in the "Land of the Midnight Sun."

SWEDISH: Although the Swedish Mission has been directed, for the most part, the last three months by a twenty-two year old missionary, the work and success of the missionaries has in nowise decreased. Neither has the cooperation and respect of the Swedish members been anything but remarkable. Elder M. Dale Ensign has directed that mission very capably and President Sonne was impressed very much by the reports he heard from the missionaries. President Johnson, newly-appointed Swedish Mission president, and his wife and two daughters, arrived during President Sonne's visit and they were given a "blue ribbon" welcome at Goteborg by the missionaries. The highlight of the visit to the Swedish Mission was the dedicatory meeting held in the city of Skelleftea some two hundred miles south of the Arctic Circle, on October 12th, 1949. The chapel was bought and remodeling started last Spring. Since that time all the members but two have emigrated to the United States and thus it was an added thrill to see nearly two hundred friends and investigators turn out to the dedication along with the two members and approximately thirty-five missionaries. The dedicatory prayer was short, comprehensive and full of spirituality and humility. The prospects for a good thriving branch look bright as several have already expressed a desire to be baptised.

FINLAND: Since the organisation of the Finnish Mission just over two years ago, much progress has been made. President Matis and his counsellors and the missionaries have been very diligent in their labours and the Gospel has touched many who are

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BRITISH



MISSION



ARRIVALS AND ASSIGNMENTS

The following missionaries arrived in the British Isles on October 5th, 1949:

Name	Home	Assigned District
Elder Kenneth Howard Anderson	Logan, Utah	Scottish
Elder Jay Claude Bennett	Layton, Utah	Norwich
Elder Grant Bethers	Heber City, Utah	Leeds
Elder Charles Theo Bradbury	Brigham City, Utah	Sheffield
Sister Lois Louise Cook	Salt Lake City, Utah	Nottingham
Elder Paul Stevens Crockett	Ogden, Utah	Bristol
Elder Clyde Kay Cummings	Salt Lake City, Utah	Nottingham
Elder Edward Earl Edwards	Flint, Michigan	Leeds
Elder Eldon Royal Griffin	Ogden, Utah	Liverpool
Elder Heber Paul Hancock	Ogden, Utah	Welsh
Sister Beverly Huss	Sacramento, California	Birmingham
Elder Ross Elmer Lloyd	Provo, Utah	Birmingham
Elder Stanley Cook Mann	Woods Cross, Utah	Norwich
Elder Rulon Lex Marcusen	Hyrum, Utah	Manchester
Elder Kennth LeRoy Noall	Salt Lake City, Utah	Nottingham
Elder Willard Russell Olson	Murray, Utah	Liverpool
Elder Sterling E. Ottesen	Springville, Utah	London
Elder Richard Lee Wright	Salt Lake City, Utah	Birmingham



RELEASES

The following were released as missionaries to the British Mission on Oct. 14th:

Name	Fields of Labour (Districts)
Elder Neal Capel	Newcastle, Liverpool, Bristol
Sister DonEtta June Carlisle	Birmingham, London Office, London
Elder James Owen Duncan	Nottingham
Elder Garth G. Eames	Birmingham *
Elder Hyrum P. Hatch	London, Bristol *
Elder Richard W. Hendricks	Birmingham
Elder Grant Hoffer	Newcastle
Elder DeLynn V. Labrum	Birmingham
Elder Dorrell C. Larsen	London
Elder Clifton Ronald McBride	Newcastle
Elder Donald Wayne Rose	Leeds
Elder Thomas W. Ward	Nottingham, Millennial Chorus, Birmingham

The following were released as missionaries to the British Mission on Oct. 21st:

Name	Fields of Labour (Districts)
Elder Arthur B. Chase	Scottish
Elder Jack Cornia	Manchester, Norwich
Elder Bruce R. Curtis	Newcastle
Elder Archie J. Haskins	London, Millennial Chorus
Elder John H. Gray	Newcastle
Elder Calvin A. Lambert	Manchester
Elder Paul H. Maeser	Scottish, Liverpool
Elder L. Ralph Mecham	London *
Sister Eva Thora Rawson	Manchester, Liverpool
Elder Leland W. Rawson	Manchester, Liverpool *
Elder Gerald W. Wilkinson	Bristol, Nottingham

* District president of this district



APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS

Elder Vernon C. Young was appointed on the 11th of September president of the Welsh District rather than the Scottish District as reported in the October Star.

Elder Keith B. Romney was transferred from the Leeds District to the London District on the 7th of October.

Sister Virginia Booth was transferred from the London District to the Birmingham District on the 7th of October.

Elder Harold M. Dougal was trans-

ferred from the Liverpool District to the Newcastle District on the 7th of October.

Sister Leda Jean Widdison was transferred from the London District to the Nottingham District on the 7th of October.

Sister Beth Swainston was transferred from the Scottish District to the London District on October 28th.

Elder John R. Newbold was transferred from the Sheffield District to the Newcastle District on the 28th of October.



DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT

Reported by Florence Blackman

The M.I.A. and Relief Society of Nuneaton held their opening socials last month. Many investigators were extended warm invitations to join the programmes.

Elders Salo and Hatch recently visited the Borough Orphanage in Nuneaton to see if there were any possibility to introduce a Primary into the home. They were very cordially received and the Primary programme

has now become a weekly feature for these children. They have responded enthusiastically to their American teachers.

On September 25th Elder Salo was released as branch president of the Nuneaton Branch to take over the presidency of the district and Elder Hardy was sustained in his place. Also Nuneaton extended a warm welcome to two new lady missionaries, Sisters Virginia Booth and Beverly Huss.

From Northampton we receive news that Elder Joseph Wm. Brooks has

been sustained as branch president. The "trail blazers," led by the local missionaries made a trek to Harleston Firs, a forest near Northampton. Among other things the boys learned how to "blaze" a trail in true backwoods style. Marked success is apparent at the recent street meetings held on Sunday evenings. During the past month there has been an average attendance of about 200.

The Birmingham Branch held their Relief Society opening social on September 21st. Several sisters took part in a musical programme after which refreshments were served.

A farewell social was given for Elders Garth G. Eames, Richard W. Hendricks and DeLynn Labrum. These three elders have been with the Birmingham District for most of their missions and we are indeed very grateful for their labours among us. They were each presented with a photograph album as a small token of love from the saints of the Birmingham Branch.

Some of the fruits of these elders were manifested at a baptism held in the Handsworth Chapel on the 24th of September. Frederick Thomas Archibald Wall and Terry Frederick Wall were baptised by Elder Garth G. Eames and confirmed by Elders Fred C. Goldthorpe and Jonathan Bennett, respectively. Terry Phillips Tuc Gahan and Eileen Jessie Tuc Gahan were baptised by Elder DeLynn V. Labrum and confirmed by Elders K. E. Shelton and Goldthorpe, respectively. Lucy Maireen Keath was baptised by Elder Ronald R. Salo and confirmed by Elder Johnathan Bennett.

BRISTOL DISTRICT

Reported by Derwin J. Orgill

To round off their summer activities the Stroud M.I.A. held a moonlight ramble on the tops of the Cotswolds. The hundreds of lights from the homes in the valley made an entrancing sight, and the group was well rewarded for the long walk up and down the hills.

On Saturday, October 1st, a few members set out for another ramble (a frequent oc-



currence) and picnic, with perfect weather, and the picturesque Cotswold mountains for scenery.

Jumping from the scenic to the financial picture, the Stroud Branch has raised enough funds through the diligent efforts of the branch members to purchase the much needed piano for their meeting hall.

Everything at Bournemouth was going just as planned on Monday evening, October 3rd. The eager group of members and friends had assembled together for their weekly Gospel discussion group. However, to the surprise of Elder Daniel C. Keller, a party had been arranged. Yes, a farewell social was given by the members and friends at the Fellowship Hall in honour of Elder Keller, who has completed his successful labours in Bournemouth to return home. Elder Keller was one of the first missionaries to open the Bournemouth Branch after the war. During his sixteen months in this seaside town the branch has shown astonishing progress. He will long be remembered by the people of Bournemouth.

Although a little late, we would like to report the baptism of Mr. William M. S. Barrett on April 20th by President Selvoy J. Boyer in the South London Branch.

HULL DISTRICT

Reported by Betty Pashby

The welfare project in Hull has been progressing successfully throughout the summer months. The members of the priesthood have been doing the planting and the harvesting of the vegetables and the Relief Society sisters have been busy finding the people who might purchase the goods.

On Monday, September 19th, the Relief Society held a social to mark the closing of the summer session and the opening of the winter programme. There were many present and everyone had a good "tuck in" from a splendid meal prepared by the Relief Society sisters.

The Sunday evening service on October 2nd was set apart for the M.I.A. Speakers included Miss Betty Pashby, president of the Y.W.M.I.A., District President Allen M. Swan and Mrs. Vera Thistleton, drama director. A

musical number was also on the programme. A trio, consisting of Elders Parry and Roberts and Miss Hilda Twidale, sang "My Prayer." Elder Roberts conducted the service.

It was a very special night for little Ann Green. On Tuesday evening, October 11th, twenty-eight Primary children of the Hull Branch gathered to celebrate Ann's fifth birthday. There was more food than the kiddies could eat, and what's more, there was too much ice cream. The party was given by Mrs. Green and Ann made a very charming hostess.

Two missionaries, Elders Robert D. Parry and Wayne Webster, have recently commenced their labours in the city of York. We wish them every success in their new field.

On the whole the news from Grimsby is very brief this month. A social was held on the 14th of September, with thirty people enjoying the games and folk dances. Included on the programme was a sing-song, music being provided by Mrs. A. Hammond.

IRISH DISTRICT

Reported by Anne B. Dunn

"Where there's a will, there's a way."

The Dublin Branch had the will and set about making the way for organising the M.I.A. Michael McAleer heads the young men's organisation and Mrs. Pat Richardson presides over the young women. Their opening social was a huge success. Keep up the good work Dublin. The Irish District is proud of you.

The Belfast M.I.A., under the leadership of Miss Joan Taggart and Elder Maxwell, is rolling right along. Of special note is the effort they have made to provide a recreational programme for the young people on Saturday nights. They have been a real asset to the spirit of the young people of the Branch.

While reporting we must not forget the children and their effort to further the work of the Lord. The power behind the sincerity of these tiny tots is a real driving force when given expression. They invited the entire Belfast Branch to their social sponsored for the purpose of raising funds to build a baptismal font. Everyone was pleased and amazed at the calibre of

the programme and the success of it judged in terms of the goal they had in sight.

We are happy to report that the two Genealogical Conferences held in Ireland were a success. Thirty Saints convened in Dublin on Sunday, September 4th. District President Melvin Fillerup and James R. Cunningham, chairman of the British Mission Genealogical Committee, were the speakers. A similar meeting was held in Belfast on Tuesday, the 6th of September. Elder James R. Cunningham addressed the meeting and gave instructions to the members regarding practical research.

LEEDS DISTRICT

Reported by Norah Stephenson

A baptismal service was held in the Bradford Chapel on September 24th. Kay Marie Newcome and Shirley Margaret Johnsen were baptised by Elder Ronald Cunningham and confirmed by Elders Newcome Kirk and Frank Holroyd, respectively. Joseph Nichol森 Whitehead and Sam Whitehead were baptised by Elder Elton L. Harmon and confirmed by Elders Jerry Wells and Marvin E. Preston, respectively. Elders Keith Romney and Norville Craven were speakers.

On September 24th a farewell social was given in honour of Mrs. May Taylor who is emigrating to Zion and Elder D. Wayne Rose, a departing missionary. Both were presented with a carving set by President William Earnshaw on behalf of the district. These two will be missed by all in the district.

Highlighted by a presentation of a wallet, a farewell party was given for Elder D. Wayne Rose in the Halifax Branch on the 28th of September. Several songs, skits and games were arranged. Elder Rose has laboured faithfully in this branch for many months.

The Dewsbury M.I.A. held its opening social for the winter season on September 14th after a summer season of basketball and baseball. It is with great interest that the members of this M.I.A. are looking forward to the many activities of the winter programme.

For a slight diversion 17 members of the Dewsbury Branch visited the Dews-

bury Empire on September 26th. Play-
ing was "Canteen Revels."

Mr. James Cunningham (Senr.) was
ordained an elder in the Melchizedek
Priesthood by his son, James R. Cun-
ningham, on October 2nd at the Brad-
ford Chapel on the occasion of the dis-
trict conference. Thomas Moss was
also ordained an elder by President
William Earnshaw on October 3rd.
These brethren have been active mem-
bers of the Aaronic Priesthood group
of the Dewsbury Branch since the
group was formed a year ago.

On the evening of September 27th,
nine children of the Dewsbury Branch
Primary visited Theresa Hudson who
is home-bound. They were in the com-
pany of Mrs. Rhona Cunningham and
Miss Joan Day. The children enter-
tained Sister Hudson with songs and
poems.

On Sunday, October 9th, the M.I.A.
put on a programme at the evening
meeting in Dewsbury. The programme
was conducted by Lucy Ripley, presi-
dent of the Y.M.M.I.A. The speakers
were Geoffrey Day, Mrs. Annie Worm-
ersley, Miss Caroline Garnet, Mr.
Ronald Cunningham and Mr. Fred
Laycock.

A very interesting and entertaining
programme was presented at the
Castleford M.I.A. opening social in
September. Everyone in attendance
was enthusiastic about starting the
winter session. A Bee-hive class has
been formed this season.

LIVERPOOL DISTRICT

Reported by Stephen B. Nebeker

President and Sister Leland W. Raw-
son are leaving the Liverpool District
after two years of devoted missionary
service. A farewell social was held in
Preston at the monthly Union Meeting.
President Webster of the Wigan
Branch, on behalf of the branches and
the district, presented President Raw-
son with a set of cutlery as a token of
appreciation. We all thank them for
the love and kindness they have shown
us and wish them God-speed.

A baptismal service conducted by
Branch President David R. Willis was
held in Liverpool on October 7th.
Alexander Tope and Dorothy Brugnola
were baptised by District President
L. W. Rawson and confirmed by Mr.

W. Challis and President David R.
Willis, respectively. Mr. and Mrs.
Bernard Mulligan and their sons, Ber-
nard and Phillip, were baptised by
Elder Elder Edmund C. Evans and con-
firmed by President Rawson, Elders
Evans and Nebeker and Mr. Richard
A. Morris, respectively. Elder Nebeker
and Sister Elizabeth Souter spoke on
baptism.

A farewell social was held in the
Liverpool Branch Chapel for Mrs.
Sarah Aitken, John and Adelia who
emigrated to Roosevelt, Utah. We
wish them a safe journey and a happy
reunion with the rest of the family
now living in Roosevelt.

The Burnley Chapel received a com-
plete "face-lifting" under the direction
of the local Priesthood and members.
The Primary "Penny Carnival" held on
October 8th at Burnley was a great
success with 50 young people present.

The Accrington M.I.A. got off to a
great start with a barn social. Every-
one turned up with, to say the least,
bizarre clothing. The room was lit by
candles in jars which were suspended
from the ceiling rafters. Hay spread
on the floor made the setting complete.
Everyone had a fine time. The Ac-
crington Primary had a social on
September 28th when the Primary
Mother and her counsellors prepared
a sumptuous feast of good old Lan-
cashire potatoe pie and rice pudding.
Entertaining games rounded out the
evening. On October 8th, 53 Church
members and friends went to see the
"lights" at Blackpool. Members of the
Blackburn Branch helped to make up
the number and the outing proved to
be very colourful.

Members and friends of the Wigan
Branch, 40 in all, enjoyed a coach trip
to the Blackpool illuminations on Sep-
tember 29th. Everyone had fun chat-
ting and singing along the way.

The Sunday School convention for
the Manchester and Liverpool Districts
was held in Preston October 9th. Two
instructive sessions were conducted by
President William O. Chipping.

Preston Branch M.I.A. with Harold
Corless as president has launched into
an ambitious programme. It began
with a banquet and concert in the
branch hall on September 17th at-
tended by 40 members and friends.

LONDON DISTRICT

Reported by Jean Silsbury

The district Sunday School convention, held at North London on September 25th, was again an outstanding success. The theme of the conference was "Making the Gospel more effective in the lives of the Latter-day Saints through an improved religious environment." Many practical methods of teaching junior and senior Sunday Schools were demonstrated by Sister June Carlisle and Elder West. Inspiring talks were given by Brother Smith of St. Albans, Elder Duncan and President McKay.

The Brighton Branch conference held on September 18th had an excellent attendance of forty-one. District President L. R. Mecham gave an impressive talk on the divinity of the Book of Mormon which presented much food for thought to those in attendance. A beautiful solo was sung by Miss J. Stevens.

This month we have two more reports of M.I.A. opening socials. Brighton Branch held theirs on the 21st of September under the direction of Elders M. Barclay and James Toone. The programme included dancing, stories, a comedy turn and musical solos.

North London M.I.A., now under the leadership of Elder Evans Royle, had a social on September 29th. An outstanding item on the programme was the piano solo played by young Raymond Neilson.

It is very pleasing to hear that the Brighton Scouts have been reorganised under their new Scout Master, Mr. J. Farrow. Best of luck to you, the 18th Brighton L.D.S.



We are sorry to report that Elder L. R. Mecham, who has for some time led this district as its president, has been released and is returning home. May we wish him a "bon voyage" and express our appreciation for all he has done. We also would like to mention that we are pleased to welcome Elder Quinn McKay as our new district president.

A fine branch conference was held at South London on October the 11th with District President Quinn McKay presiding and Branch President Bickerstaff conducting. The beautiful solo, "Bless This House," sung by Gwendoline Silsbury, was enjoyed by all. Many inspirational addresses were given.

Walter Chiles, who has so long served the South London M.I.A. has been released. He is moving from the district. Elder Beazer takes his place as Y.M.M.I.A. president. The M.I.A. presented a fine Sunday programme on the 2nd of September which was followed by an M-Men and Gleaner fire-side, at which Mr. Demaine carried on an interesting discussion.

There is still one more farewell to be mentioned. Not only those in the London District but many all over the Mission are sorry to see Sister June Carlisle go home. On Friday, October 9th, a party was held by the Gleaners for her and a gift was presented. Approximately fifty enjoyed the evening's entertainment.

MANCHESTER DISTRICT

Reported by George A. Taylor

On 100 per cent Sunday the Bury Branch had an attendance of 29 out of 32 enrolled members. At this meeting Gordon Richards was ordained a priest.

The Relief Society of Bury gave a potatoe pie supper in honour of Elder Sainsbury who has been transferred to the Bristol District. During the evening's entertainment Elder Sainsbury was presented with a lovely travelling rug by Sister Doreen Lomas on behalf of the branch. We all wish him the best in his new field of labour and thank him for the fine work he has done for the Bury Branch.

Elder Denzil Stewart was appointed branch president with Mr. Barnes as first counsellor and Mr. Richards as second counsellor. May the spirit of the Lord be with these good brethren on their new assignment.

The Rochdale and the Bury Branches have held two fine socials during the month. Attendance was good and members and friends were thoroughly satisfied with the evenings' entertainment. Also during the month the Rochdale M.I.A. made an excursion to

Blackpool with the purpose of viewing the illuminations.

The Denton Relief Society is making headway. Elder Green is taking the theology lesson. The winter programme has many educational and instructional aspects to it. One night Alice Taylor demonstrated how to make a sponge cake. Needless to say the sisters appreciated the tasty sample after the successful lesson.

On Sunday, October 8th, a harvest festival was held in Denton. The chapel was beautifully decorated with gifts of fruit, flowers and vegetables and other produce. The service was well attended and afterwards the gifts were distributed to the sick and needy and to the Denton Nursing Home.

NEWCASTLE DISTRICT

Reported by Evelyn Young

Some interesting news of the M.I.A. summer programme has been received from the South Shields Branch. Under the direction of Elders Clifton McBride and Bruce O. McGuire outings have been held to the beach of South Shields and rambles over Cleadon Hills. Probably the most interesting and educational trips were those to the coal mines where the deputy showed the visitors every nook and corner that it was possible for them to crawl into. This same branch held an M.I.A. social on September 2nd under the direction of Elders McGuire and David H. Simister. There were 40 people in attendance. Refreshments were served by members of the Relief Society.

To open the M.I.A. season a fancy dress ball was held in the Sunderland Chapel under the direction of the Y.W.M.I.A. authorities. Fifty out of the seventy present were in costume. Prizes were awarded to Miss Grace Wright (Queen of Spades), Mr. David Thompson (Chinese Mandarin) and Alan Spence (Carmen Miranda). Refreshments were served and games played under the direction of Elders V. E. Gilbert and E. M. Bunker.

Miss Gladys Quayle, Primary Mother, sponsored a Primary fancy dress ball which was well attended. Well over half of the fifty children were in fancy dress. Each child received a prize. Games and refreshments were supervised by Miss Quayle, Mrs. Carter and Mrs. I. Binney.

A social arranged by the Relief Society and held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Weatherhead was enjoyed by saints of the Middlesbrough Branch on September 29th. Games were conducted by Mrs. Delsa Harland and a chip supper was served. A presentation was made to Mr. Derek Harland, who is leaving the district to fill an appointment at Kettering.

In order to raise money for the Relief Society Building Fund members of the Newcastle City Branch held a social evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pattison of Blyth. A wonderful spread of food was provided by the Blyth Relief Society members. What a happy reminder of pre-war days! After everyone had filled themselves to their capacity they had the opportunity of listening to a musical programme given by Elder Merrill R. Balls, Miss Arlene Pattison, Mr. Pattison, Mr. Whiteman, Mrs. Esther B. Ione and Miss Audrey Mealy. A sum of £1:13:9 was raised for the fund. This social was one more evidence to show the harmony of this branch, although the members all have several miles to travel to get together.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT

Reported by June Wilson

The M.I.A. season was opened in Nottingham with a rousing social on the 16th of September. A fine programme was presented with dancing climaxing the evening's entertainment.

On Saturday, September 17th, Nottingham was the scene of a grand Harvest Ball. Many people arrayed in fancy dress made a colourful scene. The ball was conducted by Mr. Sydney Robinson with Josie Gilbert acting as M.C.

The Relief Society of Nottingham held an opening social on the 27th of September. On the 5th of September a birthday party was given for Sister Shepherd who has reached the ripe age of 72. She was presented with a cardigan from the 40 who were in attendance.

On the 24th of September in the Eastwood Branch a happy group of members and friends enjoyed a supper in honour of Richard Ballantyne, who founded the Latter-day Saint Sunday Schools 100 years ago. The affair was in the capable hands of James Martin and the Relief Society sisters.

A concert was given by the "New Parks" Sunday School in Leicester on August 27th under the supervision of Eveline Gent. The programme was enjoyed by 110 people. The "Chocolate Drops" of the Nottingham and Loughborough troupe were the feature attraction. The children were entertained to a "tea" by their officers and teachers.

Harvest Thanksgiving services were held in Leicester on September 19th. The sale of fruits and vegetables on the following day raised five pounds for the branch fund.



Under the direction of G. Doreen Green, 26 Primary children gathered for the opening session of the winter Primary.

On September 25th a grand concert, organised by Jean M. Parker, drew a large crowd. They witnessed a fine programme given by the May Festival Guild choir of Leicester and eight guest artistes. £7 was raised towards the building fund.

The M.I.A. of Mansfield on the 22nd of September held their autumn opening night, consisting of a delightful "Cowboy Show." The affair was arranged by Muriel Hopkinson and refreshments and games were enjoyed by the 27 members and friends in attendance.

"Sale"—The amazing amount of £10 was raised on the 8th of October by selling fancy and very tasty goods which the Mansfield Branch made themselves. All buyers received exceptional values for their money.

NORWICH DISTRICT

Reported by Brenda Billings

The Primary of the Lowestoft Branch presented the programme for the Sunday evening meeting on the 7th of August. At this time Marion Coleby and Pamela Upson graduated into the M.I.A. Graduation certificates were presented to them by Lillian Haynes, Primary Mother. To conclude their summer activities the Lowestoft Branch Primary staged a Primary

Festival on Monday, August 29th. Members and friends of the branch were able to witness a Hawaiian village made by the Primary children and to see the children perform an Hawaiian Dance. Other items made up an interesting evening.

The M.I.A. of the Lowestoft Branch held their opening social on the 13th of September with fifty people arriving in misfit costumes. Refreshments were provided by the Y.M.M.I.A.

The Relief Society of the Lowestoft Branch opened their winter programme with a social in which friends and investigators enjoyed an evening of games and musical items under the direction of May Blowers.

Monday morning, September 19th, President Noble V. King, Elder W. Russell Palfreyman, Elder Valton E. Jackson and John Green cycled out to Peterborough to a secluded spot by the beautiful river Rene. Here as the early morning rays of summer-time slowly warmed the air John J. Green was baptised by Elder Palfreyman and confirmed by Elder Jackson. This is the first baptism from Peterborough in the history of the Church.

On the 27th of September an opening social of the Relief Society of the Norwich Branch was held for the coming winter activities. Many musical items were rendered by investigators of the Church.

The Sunday School department of the Norwich Branch has grown immensely in the last few months under the supervision of Mr. Tom Wilson. It recently achieved an all-time attendance record of 91.

A baptismal service was held in the Norwich Chapel on October 15th. Mark Hansel was baptised by Elder Valton E. Jackson and confirmed by President Noble V. King. Many investigators were present.

SCOTTISH DISTRICT

Reported by Hyrum Dagleish

Old Scotland has been just like a beehive during the past month with farewell parties, bazaars and baptisms. Everything seems to have speeded up all at once. The Aberdeen elders have been really covering that granite city and their efforts have not been in vain. One night at their street meeting they

met James Miller, a young fellow who was very desirous to find the organisation which was authorised by the Saviour. To make a long story short, it was not many weeks before the discussions which proceeded from this first meeting had convinced him of the latter-day work. James Miller was baptised by Elder Charles Atkinson and confirmed by Elder Donald S. Gray.



work, work, was the theme of Relief Society sisters and missionaries of Sheffield Branch who had a "slap-up" time decorating the church hall. Results: a nice clean place for conference. Thanks and credit is conveyed

to all those responsible.

Another baptism occurred on the 2nd of October when Agnes Paterson and Violet Paterson were baptised by Elder Arthur Chase and confirmed by Elder Melvin Hartshorn.

This latter baptism came at the completion of two years of labour in Scotland by Elder Chase. He has done a fine job in his many callings and particularly does the Airdrie Branch feel sorry for his departure. Also leaving the Scottish District is Sister Beth Swainston who has been labouring in Edinburgh for the last nine months.

The small but efficient Relief Society of the Airdrie Branch presented an outstanding bazaar recently. The presence of President and Sister Boyer and their participation in the programme proved to be a highlight of the evening.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT

Reported by Arvilla Smith

A very fine Harvest Festival sponsored by the Relief Society was held in the Sheffield Latter-day Saint Chapel on September 25th. It was directed by President Mary Laycock. A suitable programme of speeches and musical items were given in Sunday School and continued in the evening session. A sale of goods was held the following evening and a social followed this sale. Proceeds were used for Relief Society annual dues.

Preceding the September 30th District Union Meeting a social, sponsored by the M.I.A. officers, was conducted. A very enjoyable programme of vocal solos, instrumental duets, songs by the missionary chorus and poems was given. Games and dancing followed. The M.I.A. served refreshments (hot dogs).

Dab, dab, dab, with the whitewash brush to the tune of everybody work,

The M.I.A. Sunday evening programme conducted by the young men's president, Kenneth Bailey, was held on October 2nd. The suggested programme from the M.I.A. manual was well presented by Bee-hives, Gleaners and M-Men. The M.I.A. choir sang, "I Need Thee Every Hour."

The Barnsley Branch held their M.I.A. opening social on September 26th in the Latter-day Saint Chapel. District President David E. Gledhill was M.C. A fine programme was conducted, including a minstrel show directed by Branch President Frank Smith, Fred Mills, Harry Hall, Alvin Beaumont and Elders Darley and Jensen. Also a play, "Good Neighbour," directed by Peggy Smith, had for a cast Mall Smith, Peggy Smith, Doris Allison and Fred Wills. Piano selections were given by Grace Witts of Doncaster.

A baptismal service for the Barnsley Branch was held in the Sheffield Latter-day Saint Chapel on October 1st. Mrs. Lena Marsden and her daughter, Joyce, and Bernard Crossland were baptised by Elder Don F. Darley and confirmed by Elders Jensen and Schofield and President Gledhill, respectively.

Almost 50 members attended an excellent Barnsley Branch conference held on October 2nd in the Latter-day Saint Chapel. President Frank Smith officiated. Inspiring talks were given by Elder Hurt and President McKay. Mrs. Molly Smith sang "Oh For The Wings Of A Dove."

The Doncaster Branch conference was held on the 18th of September. Inspiring speeches were given by Branch President Alvin Holton, Elder Jess Udall and President Gledhill.

The M.I.A. open night was celebrated

on September 17th in the Latter-day Saint Hall. Over 40 people enjoyed a well prepared programme of selected items. Games were played and the Relief Society provided refreshments.

WELSH DISTRICT

Reported by Gladys Mason

A baptismal service was held in Merthyr Tydfil on September 27th, at the Corporation Baths. George R. Miller, Jack Joseph David and Harry Wilson Pengilly were baptised by Elder David Widmer and confirmed by Elder W. G. Davis, Elder Don Reimann and President V. C. Young, respectively. Muriel Miller and Kathleen Nelly Opie Miller were baptised by Elder Mark H.

Bigler and confirmed by Elders Lowell Frodsham and Richard Farraway, respectively. Dorothy Elizabeth Miller and Ruby Miller were baptised by Elder Don Carter and confirmed by Elders Ernest Jones and Thomas Duffin. The service was conducted by President Vernon C. Young with sixty in attendance.

From Pontypool we receive word that their "fire-side chats" held every Sunday evening are proving very successful. The attendance is high and some fine meetings are being carried on. Also it is reported that their M.I.A. is progressing. Much enthusiasm is being shown and many investigators attend regularly.

DISTRICT CONFERENCES

Autumn Series

LEEDS DISTRICT

The semi-annual conference of the Leeds District was held in the Bradford Chapel on October 2nd. President Selvoy J. Boyer, President Leland W. Rawson and President William O. Chipping were in attendance. Mrs. Gladys Boyer and Mrs. Constance Chipping presided over the Relief Society meeting. There were twelve speakers during the three sessions. On the musical side a duet was rendered by Miss Beatrice Marsden and Miss Joan Day, a solo by Mrs. Freda Bock and a song by four members of the Bradford Relief Society. The district Relief Society choir and the Dewsbury M.I.A. choir also took part. There was a fine spirit throughout the day and a good attendance at each session: 106, 185 and 206 for the three meetings, respectively. Credit is due to the Relief Society for the lunch and tea preparations.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT

An inspiring semi-annual district conference was held October 9th in the Sheffield Latter-day Saint Chapel. Conducted by District President David E. Gledhill, the main speakers of the day were President Selvoy J. Boyer and his wife, and President Leland W. Rawson. Also addressing the conference

were Doncaster Branch President Alvin I. Holton and Mr. George Laycock of Sheffield. The missionary choir sang two numbers, directed by Elder Schofield. The Sheffield choir sang and a quartette under the direction of Vera Beattie rendered "Bless the Lord." The Doncaster choir also sang one song under the direction of Muriel Holton, and Mally Smith of Barnsley offered a vocal solo. Over 200 members and friends enjoyed the wonderful spirit that was present throughout the day.

IRISH DISTRICT

Highlighting the Irish District Conference held on October 23rd in Belfast was the presence of President and Sister Boyer. Conducting the conference was District President Melvin M. Fillerup. The Belfast Branch hall was completely filled. An amplifier and loudspeaker was extended to the recreational hall during the evening session so that those who could not find seats in the main hall could hear the conference message.

Many inspirational addresses were given. The children took an active part in the afternoon session. The Belfast Branch choir, under the direction of Elder Richard D. Sagers, provided beautiful music during the conference sessions.

PERSONALS

BIRTHS

GREEN.—Jasmine Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald E. Green, was blessed on April 3rd by Elder Hyrum P. Hatch in the Cheltenham Branch.

SYKES.—Stephen John, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rueben Sykes of the Sheffield Branch, was born on September 27th in Sheffield.

DEATHS

WARNES.—The funeral of Mr. George Warnes occurred on August 31st. Services were held in the Bradford Chapel and Elder D. Wayne Rose conducted. Elder Elton L. Harmon dedicated the grave.

TIDSWELL.—On September 2nd funeral services for Amelia S. Tidswell were held in the Bradford Chapel. Elder William Earnshaw conducted and Elder D. Wayne Rose dedicated the grave.

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authority of the church to grant indulgences and thus remit sin. To them, the merits of the Saviour were all-sufficient for the forgiveness of sins. Without the offices of the church, the believer would be forgiven his sins and would be saved in the kingdom of heaven.

Both for the Roman Church and for the Reformers the individual will not be judged according to his works—his own merit—but in part according to the works of the Saviour and of the saints or of the Saviour alone. In one case it is possible for the sinner without good works to benefit by the infinite good works of the Saviour and, in addition, by the good works of the saints; in the other case the sinner may attain salvation by belief alone in the Redeemer. In both cases every man would not be judged according to his own works, but, in part, by the works of someone else. Nevertheless, the Saviour said, "Be ye perfect as your

MARRIAGE

BAILEY-BINGHAM.—Miss Barbara Bailey, recently of the Sheffield Branch, was married on July 30th in the Washington D.C. Chapel (later the Salt Lake Temple) to Mr. John Bingham of Salt Lake City. Mr. and Mrs. Bingham will reside in Washington.

BOOTH-JACKSON.—The marriage of Miss Jean Booth and Mr. Louis Pelham Jackson took place in the Bradford Chapel on the 1st of September.

CLARKE-BARRETT.—Edith Evelyn Clarke was married to William S. M. Barrett in the South London Chapel on April 20th. President Selvoy J. Boyer officiated.

HERMAN-HAZELL.—Frances Beryl Herman and Reginald Roy Hazell, both of Bristol, were married in the St. Mary Redcliffe Church, Bristol, on April 21st, 1949.

Father in Heaven is perfect." (Matt. 5: 48) Jesus commanded, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." (Matt. 22: 36-39)

After the resurrection of the Saviour, He taught His disciples saying, "All power is given unto me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." (Matt. 28: 18, 19, 20)

On the day of Pentecost, in obedience to this commandment, Peter taught, "Repent and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." (Acts 2: 37-38)

We are then to accept the leadership of Jesus Christ as revealed to His

chosen disciples, to repent, to make a covenant in baptism with him and to receive the gift of the Holy Ghost to help us to fulfil the commandment of the Saviour: "Be ye perfect, even as your Father in Heaven is perfect." (Matt. 5: 48)

It is often taught that not only shall man benefit by the good works of others in the final judgment, but he shall be condemned for the transgression of Adam. It is true that the disobedience of Adam brought death into the world to all men, but, just as universally, the sacrifice of Jesus brought life—the resurrection for all. In the one we have no blame; in the other we have no merit. We shall all die and we shall all be resurrected. "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection from the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." (I Corinthians 15: 20-22)

If then we shall not be judged by the transgression of Adam nor by the good works of the saints and the Saviour, how shall we be judged? The scriptures, both ancient and modern, make it clear that we shall be judged according to our works.

Did we seek to know the truth? Did

we love light rather than darkness? Did we accept the unified leadership of Jesus Christ as represented by His authorised servants? Did we repent and receive baptism and the gifts of the Holy Ghost? And were our subsequent actions manifestations of our obedience to the commandments to love the Lord our God with all our hearts and our neighbour as ourselves? If so, then shall we be forgiven our transgressions.

The responsibility of seeking the truth, of seeking to know the will of God is ours. It cannot be transferred to another.

Though made possible by the atoning sacrifice of the only one through whom man may be saved, salvation is individual.

John the apostle say that "the sea gave up the dead that were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them; and they were judged every man according to their works." (Revelation 20: 13)

We shall be judged then according to the degree in which we have approached the goal: "Be ye perfect as your father in heaven is perfect." Of the "many mansions" every man will occupy the one for which his progress through obedience has prepared him.

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the Doctrine and Covenants, tells us that it is a good idea to "pray always, that you may come off conqueror." Another of our sacred works, the Book of Mormon, suggests that the family get together for regular prayers. It helps knit the group closer together—and to their Maker.

There are many more hints for making the approach with this greatest of all companions. But I don't want to weary you. Let me know if you'd like to check into them a little more. I think I might be able to show you where you will find some more helpful

and interesting suggestions.

You will pardon me, I hope, for this rather rambling note. But I just had to write it. I want to see you really realise your ambition when you grow up. I hope you will be alive—to everything.

You will, I am sure, if you chum up with the Lord. And if everyone would, what a world we would have! You wouldn't hear any more talk about billions for defence, secret weapons, and military alliances.

Wouldn't that be great?

Cheerio,

AN INTERESTED FRIEND.

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honest in heart. The spirit of the missionaries is very fine although many of them are still struggling with the difficult Finnish tongue. The spirit of the Gospel rests upon the Saints and friends in many of the cities where branches have been established. President Sonne and his party stopped for a short visit to inspect the hall in Lahti and within a few minutes a small crowd of members and investigators appeared from throughout the city and requested that a short service be held so that they could hear counsel and advice from President Sonne. A similar incident took place in Tampere where about one hundred people gathered after the missionary testimonial meeting and requested a special meeting so that they could meet and listen to President and Sister Sonne. The work in Finland is still in a youthful stage. The road ahead looks brighter than it did two years ago and with the continued spirit of true missionary work and the help of the Lord those who are labouring there will yet see the day when Finland will be a

fruitful field for the preaching of the Gospel.

MISCELLANEOUS: At this time of writing President Sonne and his party are touring the Danish Mission.

President Sonne has made it a point to contact all the missionaries in their various districts during his visits to the missions this summer. To date he has heard approximately one thousand reports and testimonies from the missionaries. In meeting with the missionaries and hearing from them personally he has been able to gain valuable insight in the proselyting work in the missions and to give council and advice where it is needed. As President Sonne addresses various audiences in his travels he has often been heard to remark: "The work of the Lord is going forward in the missions of Europe. The missionaries are being listened to as never before and the barriers are being removed." Thus we see as another year is rapidly running its course that the Church in Europe has been strengthened—both by faithful members and devoted missionaries.

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realised that to enjoy the constant companionship of the Holy Spirit of God, which is so pure and which is necessary for the gaining of a true testimony, we must provide a pure and clean habitation for it. We cannot enjoy the spirit in its fulness while we flirt with the things of the world.

I awoke to a realisation of these things and the gradual change I made brought me to the happiest part of my life. I began to have a different outlook and saw things from a different angle. I realised that I was only just becoming a Latter-day Saint.

We may pay our tithes and fast offerings, live our lives observing the Word of Wisdom, attend our meetings regularly and still not be 100 per cent a Latter-day Saint. It is necessary for us to live those spiritual laws that Christ talked about and discussed in parables.

In nearly eighty years of life I have had many experiences. Just a few very brief events have been related here. Perhaps I have been able to help you strengthen your faith and testimony. I have tried not to boast for I have nothing to boast about. Whatever good that I have been able to accomplish in this life, the credit be to the honour and glory of God.

ANSWERS TO "WORD PUZZLE"

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| 1. Cracker. | 3. Crayon. | 5. Cruiser. | 7. Cream. |
| 2. Cradle. | 4. Crimson. | 6. Croæli. | 8. Crane. |

By Thoughts Come Deeds

All the duties of religion are eminently solemn and venerable in the eyes of children. But none will so strongly prove the sincerity of the parent; none so powerfully awaken the reverence of the child; none so happily recommend the instruction he receives, as family devotions, particularly those in which petitions for the children occupy a distinguished place. —T. Dwight

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The only untainted charity is justice. Conventional charity drops pennies in the beggar's cup, carries bread to the starving, distributes clothing to the naked. Real charity, which is justice, sets about removing the conditions that make beggary, starvation and nakedness. Charity is man's kindness. Justice is God's kindness.

—Frank Crane

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Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.

—Proverbs 16: 19

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There are two times in a man's life when he should not speculate: (1) when he can afford to, and (2) when he can't afford to.

—Mark Twain

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Think of ease, but work on.

—J. Montgomery

And on the Lighter Side

You can't win them all.—A Scotsman had just won a new car in a raffle; but far from being elated, he seemed decidedly glum. "What's the matter, Jock?" asked a friend. "Mon," he answered, "'tis this other ticket. Why I ever bought it, I canna imagine."

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Dubious Luxury.—Visitor: "Well, Joe, how do you like your new little sister?" Joe: "Oh, she's all right, I guess; but there are lots of things we needed worse."

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That's what some say.—"All right!" said the slow worker, "Keep your shirt on! Rome wasn't built in a day you know—" "That may be," replied the boss, "but I wasn't in charge there!"

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Surprised Clerk.—The employment clerk, checking over the applicant's papers, was amazed to note the figures 107 and 111 in the spaces reserved for "Age of Father, if living," and "Age of Mother, if living." "Are your parents that old?" asked the surprised clerk. "Nope," was the answer, "but they would be if living."

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Things you'd like to do.—A woman walked into a millinery shop and pointed out a hat in the window. "That red one with the feathers and berries," she said. "Would you take it out of the window for me?" "Certainly, madam," the assistant replied. "We'd be glad to." "Thank you very much," said the woman, moving toward the exit. "The horrible thing bothers me every time I pass."

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THIS WORLD would be a delightful place to live in—if it were not for the people. They really cause all the trouble. Man's worst enemy is always man. He began to throw the responsibility of his transgressions on someone else in the Garden of Eden, and he has been doing so ever since.

The greater part of the pain, sorrow and misery in life is purely a human invention, yet man, with cowardly irreverence, dares to throw the responsibility on God. It comes through breaking laws, laws natural, physical, civic, mental or moral. These are laws which man knows, but disregards; he takes chances; he thinks he can dodge results in some way. But Nature says, "He who breaks, pays." There are no dead-letter laws on the divine statute-books of life. When a man permits a torchlight procession to parade through a powder magazine, it is not courteous for him to refer to the subsequent explosion as "one of mysterious workings of Providence."

Nine-tenths of the world's sorrow, misfortune and unhappiness is preventable. The daily newspapers are the great chroniclers of the dominance of the unnecessary. Paragraph after paragraph, column after column, and page after page of the dark story—accidents, disasters, crime, scandal, human weakness and sin—might be checked off with the word "preventable." In each instance were our information full enough, our analysis keen enough, we could trace each back to its cause, to the weakness or wrong from which it emanated. Sometimes it is carelessness, inattention, neglect of duty, avarice, anger, jealousy, dissipation, betrayal of trust, selfishness, hypocrisy, revenge, dishonesty—any of a hundred phases of the preventable.

In the divine economy of the universe, most of the evil, pain and suffering are unnecessary, even when overruled for good, and perhaps it would be seen that none is necessary, that all is preventable. The fault is mine, or yours, or the fault of the world. It is always individual. The world itself is but the cohesive united force of the thoughts, words and deeds of millions who have lived or who are living, like you and me. By individuals has the great wrong that causes our preventable sorrow been built up, by individuals must it be weakened and transformed to right.

—William George Jordan